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Farmers' Institute Wants Farm Advisor

(From Friday's Daily.)
Seventy-five farmers and a number of women are attending the sessions of the annual 2-day institute, which is being held at the Commercial club rooms today. Bad weather and worse roads kept many persons away from the meeting but a larger crowd is expected for tomorrow.

Pres. H. G. Kyle in the address which opened the institute this morning spoke of the work the institute is doing and the helpfulness of the organization. P. E. Crabtree of the Kansas agricultural college spoke of the principles of feeding livestock.

This afternoon's program was begun with a demonstration in judging horses. When the meeting convened later in the Commercial club rooms a quartet, Lynn Corbett, H. M. Howard, B. D. Whitehead and Dr. H. P. Mera, sang and were roundly applauded. Arthur Merrill, who was next on the program, was unable to be present. George Lenhart read his paper.

Miss Addie Root and Mrs. C. A. Hoffman are to speak late this afternoon. Miss Root is an extension worker for the agricultural college. Mr. Crabtree and Miss Root were at Longford yesterday and had a large attendance at their meetings.

The program for tomorrow:
Morning—10:15, "How Can I Make My Farm Better," C. W. Taylor; "What Should be Done by the Individual Farmer to Prevent Hog Cholera," F. J. Rumold; "Stopping the Farm Leaks," P. E. Crabtree; Business Meeting; Recess.

Afternoon, 1:15—Rope Tying and Halter Making Demonstration, P. E. Crabtree; Music, Male Quartet; "Home Reading for Children," Miss Anna Engle; "The Balanced Farm," P. E. Crabtree; "What I Learned at Manhattan," Corn Contest Winners, Charles Roop, Foster Van Dyke, Ray Van Dyke, Albert Rumbarger, Carl Hern, Samuel and Cyrus Lenhart, Harry Van Dyke, Herbert Ehrsam; "Canning and Preserving," Miss Addie Root; "The Helpfulness of Social Life in the Country," Dr. F. S. Blaney.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
A resolution putting the farmers' institute on record in favor of obtaining a farm expert for Dickinson county was prepared by a committee this afternoon and it is expected that the resolution will be passed. Kansas counties which so chose can obtain financial aid from the federal government through the Lever bill for paying farm agents, on condition that the county helps share the expense. The farm agent plan, if it succeeds, will mark an advance in the agricultural history of Dickinson county.

Nearly two hundred are attending the institute this afternoon. C. W. Taylor, F. J. Rumold and P. E. Crabtree were the speakers this morning. This afternoon a halter-making contest was first on the program with Mr. Crabtree seated on a table before the contestants and showing them how to fashion a tip-top, long-wearing halter with a rope and the proper sort of twine. The high school girls' glee club sang and the appreciation with which they were received was fine tribute.

(From Monday's Daily.)
A resolution declaring in favor of the county farm advisor plan and the taking of immediate steps to

put the plan in practice was passed without a dissenting vote in the closing session of the annual two-day farmers' institute in the Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon. Under the provision of the Smith-Lever act, the federal government will give financial aid to the states which accept the conditions named in the act for agricultural demonstration work. As the farmers' institute understood the matter, the federal government appropriates yearly \$10,000 for each of the several states, without conditions as to the use of the appropriation. The Smith-Lever act provides further that the federal government will appropriate \$14,000 yearly for each state on condition that the state appropriate a like amount for agricultural work. The Kansas legislature in a concurrent resolution has accepted the provisions of this act, and the Lever bill provisions probably will become effective in this state.

The probable plan to be followed in this county will be to form an association of farmers. The county, the farmers, the institute and the banks will be the ones to subscribe the amount necessary in addition to that received from the state to pay the farm advisor. The fund received from the state is to be apportioned among the counties which agree to form the associations of farmers and to carry on the work. A farm advisor would get a salary of \$2000 to \$2500 yearly.

A meeting will be held in March to make definite plans.

Advocates of the farm expert plan say that it has been successful wherever tried. The farm expert, or advisor, or agent—he is called by all three titles—is a man trained in scientific and practical agriculture, and his business is to help the farmers along all agricultural lines.

M. H. Malott, who was chairman of the committee which prepared the resolution, is enthusiastic over the plan. "I believe that all the banks will help," said Mr. Malott.

The nominating committee, M. H. Malott, J. B. Case and C. M. Garver, reported the following nominations, which were adopted unanimously:

President, H. G. Kyle; vice presidents, grain department, Arthur Merrill; horses, Kelly Allen; vegetables, F. L. Blaesi; poultry, Mrs. J. B. Jones; alfalfa, Harry C. Brenizer; hogs, J. D. Shepherd; cattle, John Book; dairy, George Lenhart; good roads, George A. Rush; silos, C. M. Garver; secretary-treasurer, A. B. Wilcox; assistant secretary, H. A. Poe.

The officers, with one exception, were reelected. Kelly Allen succeeds W. H. Hansen as vice president of the horse department.

Resolutions thanking the officers for their work, P. E. Crabtree, Miss Addie Root, the agricultural college, the male quartet and the high school girls' glee club, were passed unanimously.

In the rope halter making contest Saturday afternoon, six of the twenty-five men who entered won honorable mention from the judges, who were J. N. Burton, D. R. Gordon and W. G. Lewis. The six leading halter makers as the judges picked them are E. M. Funk, C. W. Taylor, J. A. Kuntz, J. Oberhelman, William Glatt and F. J. Landis. Their halters were tip top; some of the others were first rate, too.

Dr. F. S. Blaney made an interesting address Saturday afternoon.

ANOTHER ARRESTED ON A GAMBLING CHARGE

Another man was arrested on the charge of crapshooting and was found guilty in Judge Quinn's court. Sentence was withheld until Thursday. The offense took place last summer.

Had Serious Eye Accident
Dr. A. G. Anderson was down from Salina consulting with Dr. T. R. Conklin over the case of Dr. Conklin's little son, Quinton. The boy was taking a piece of glass from a window frame when the glass broke and a portion struck his eyeball. For a time it was feared the sight was destroyed but today he seems better and it is believed the sight can be saved.

PLATE GLASS AT WHITEHEAD STORE BROKEN MYSTERIOUSLY

One of the large plate glass show windows in the B. D. Whitehead store was broken during the night. The break was high enough so that it seems to have been intentional. The way in which the glass is broken—a number of cracks diverging from a small hole—seems to indicate that the glass was struck with a heavy piece of metal.

Card of Thanks
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our mother. —P. B. Bryson, Ruth Bryson, Hazel Bryson.

MERCHANTS ASK STATE POLICE Lamb Introduces Bill for \$20,000 to Hunt for Silk Thieves

Representative Lamb of Dickinson county has introduced a bill in the house asked for by the merchants of the small towns of the state to create a state police. The bill appropriates \$20,000 a year to pay the salaries of the police marshal and five deputies and to provide a reward fund for the arrest and conviction of criminals.

The law is asked for because of the activities of silk thieves who have been raiding the stores in the small towns all winter. It is asserted that some sixty stores have been

robbed and about \$40,000 worth of silks and other goods stolen in the last four months. The efforts of the police to break up the gang have not brought results and the merchants want a state police force to help them.

A number of these robberies have occurred in Dickinson county.

Gave a Kansas Program
The Royal Daughters of the G. M. E. church of Enterprise gave a Kansas program in the church February 5. The program was instructive and interesting. There were papers, readings, dialogues and several musical numbers. Selections by Kansas writers were the feature of the program.

Robbers Get Haul From Solomon Store

Solomon, Feb. 5.—The Cusick Co. store was broken into some time last night and a considerable amount of merchandise taken. Entrance was effected through the back door. The steel bar across the door was broken and the lock turned. Twenty-two pairs of \$4.50 shoes were taken, four suit cases and some muslin. The amount of the losses has not been estimated.

County Attorney George Blischoff is here, armed with a search and seizure warrant. The A. H. T. A. has been active today. Investigations are being made at a Mexican camp here.

Lester Henderson, a clerk in the

Cusick store, discovered the thefts when he opened the store this morning.

A store at Solomon was robbed during the night was the word which came from Will Hazelton, marshal at Solomon, this morning. The robbery was discovered when the store was opened for business. It is reported that 25 pairs of men's shoes, 2 straw suit cases and 2 imitation leather suit cases were taken.

County Attorney George Blischoff and Undersheriff James Hinchon went to Solomon this morning to investigate.

ANSWERS A KANSAS LIBEL

Prohibition Has Helped This State, J. B. Case Wires Utah Men

J. B. Case today received a telegram from George Albert Smith, secretary to the president of the Mormon church, and Richard W. Young, attorney for the church, inquiring as to whether or not prohibition in Kansas is a success. This is the telegram:

"A former Kansan argues before our legislature quoting numerous letters, mostly antique, that Kansas is morally bankrupt compared with local option Nebraska. We recall your utterances to the contrary and considering your wide and accurate acquaintance with conditions ask you to wire collect how state wide prohibition works in Kansas." Mr. Case telegraphed this answer: "Prohibition in Kansas has

brought clean towns, permanent prosperity, and a high standard of morality. Ninety-five per cent of voters would endorse prohibition today. My experience dates from 1871 and any former Kansan who declares prohibition a failure here misrepresents facts. Our money goes into homes and happiness; our bank deposits are overflowing; new generations that have never seen a saloon are making model citizens. No one thing ever was of so much value to the state's business and social life as prohibition. No law in Kansas is more rigidly enforced."

Was Not Her Brother

Mrs. F. W. Davidson is now almost sure that a man named George Fullerton, who was killed at Moline, Kan., in a railroad accident, was not her brother. Her brother is named George Fullerton also.

State Twine Plant Cuts Price One Cent

A saving of \$30,000 at one sweep to the farmers of the state was made when the board of corrections announced that the price of twine from the state penitentiary twine plant would be reduced a cent a pound from last year's prices, or a reduction of nearly 15 per cent. The plant will put out three million pounds between now and July 1, it is estimated.

Twine made at the state penitentiary is sold on a sliding scale. Local dealers and chartered farmers' organizations will pay the same price, \$6.15 a hundred pounds for carload lots. For less than carload lots the price to these will be 7 cents flat. To individual farmers the price will be 8 cents cash. Dealers and chartered farmers' organizations will be allowed until November 1 to settle. There will be no discount to these for cash.

Dealers buying penitentiary twine must sign an agreement not to sell at a higher price than 20 per cent more than the amount paid the state at the plant. Two wholesale houses that will take some of the output, are under contract not to sell any of the prison twine outside the state.

"The prison twine this season will be the cheapest ever, and of the best quality," said Major Brown, chairman of the board. "If the wheat prospects hold good we will put an extra shift on at the plant to get the twine out. Prison twine this year will run between one and two cents cheaper than that from outside. We purchased 500 bales of sisal recently at \$4.20, the cheapest in the history of the plant."

Unsettled conditions in Mexico are given as the reason for the reduction in price, the raw material having been purchased at a lower figure than ever before.

"In times of greatest unrest in Mexico," said Major Brown, "Mexican money is always cheapest. We pay for all sisal in money of the republic and when they are in the greatest turmoil there Uncle Sam's dollar will purchase more Mexican dimes. They also need ready cash and will sell for less."

The twine plant has been running without interruption. Following the close of the wheat harvest last year the prison furnished one million pounds of twine for binding kafir and other crops.

A. O. U. W. BAND TO BLOSSOM OUT IN FINE NEW SUITS

The A. O. U. W. band has received twenty new uniforms. The uniforms are dark red, with black and white and gold trimmings and the bandmen will make a fine appearance. The band will rehearse to-night and the new uniforms will be given the players. The organization is making ready for the big box social Thursday night.

One of the strong advertising points of the Abilene delegation at the coming A. O. U. W. grand lodge meeting in Hutchinson will be this band, and the musicians alone ought to obtain the grand lodge offices of Abilene. All the representatives of this section of the state will meet at Abilene and will go from here to Herington where a special train will take them to Hutchinson March 7.

SON OF J. H. NORMAN WAS BURIED AT TALMAGE

Francis Norman, 13-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norman, died at their home in Scranton, Kan., Sunday. The body was brought to Talmage for burial Monday. The Normans formerly lived at Talmage.

Card of Thanks
We wish to thank our old friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindnesses in the loss of our beloved son.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norman.

ALL THE DIOCESE CONTRIBUTED TO ORPHANAGE

Father O'Reilly read to the congregation of St. Andrew's church Sunday a list of the contributions to the orphanage fund. Salina was the largest giver, \$695.22. Abilene gave \$82, and Father O'Reilly \$10. The repairs costing about \$8000 are practically complete but the orphanage will not be located here until Abilene puts city water on the grounds.

VETERANS WILL CELEBRATE WITH AN OYSTER DINNER

Abilene Post No. 63, G. A. R., will serve an oyster dinner in the city hall at noon, February 12. All old soldiers and their wives, widows of deceased soldiers and the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps and their husbands are cordially invited. The entertainment of the afternoon will consist of music, vocal and instrumental, and addresses, reminiscent of President Lincoln. A social hour will close the program. By order of the Post.—G. F. Jones M. P. Jolley, F. S. Allman, Committee.

D. C. H. S. Wins from Minnies
Chapman, Feb. 8.—The Dickinson county high school basketball team added another victory to its list by defeating the Minneapolis five here Saturday night by a score of 33 to 29. This makes the seventh consecutive victory for the D. C. H. S. five.

MRS. THOMAS KIRCHNER IS DEAD AT ENTERPRISE

(From Monday's Daily.)
Mrs. Lydia Kirchner, 45 years, wife of Thomas Kirchner, at 4 o'clock this morning at her home in Enterprise. She had been ill for some time and a few days ago a blood vessel in her brain broke, so that physicians and her family gave up hope for her recovery. The funeral arrangements have not been made, as relatives of the deceased who live in the east have been wired of her death and word from them is being awaited.

Mrs. Kirchner before her marriage was Lydia Shriver and lived in Ohio. She was married at her home to Andrew Kirchner, a brother of Thomas Kirchner, and came to Enterprise to live about twenty years ago. Mrs. Kirchner is survived by two daughters and a son by her first marriage: Mrs. Martha Jackson of Hope; Miss Laura Kirchner, Enterprise; Jessie Kirchner, Enterprise. Thomas Kirchner was wedded to the wife of his deceased brother in December, 1914.

LOCAL BANKS ORDERED TO STOP ALLOWING OVERDRAFTS

Comptroller of the Currency Williams gave out a statement yesterday, declaring his effort to break up the practice by national banks of allowing overdrafts. Mr. Williams sent out a circular letter several days ago, directing boards of directors of national banks to adopt resolutions disapproving the practice.


The local banks have received the circular notifying them not to allow any more overdrafts. So you must be sure you have sufficient balance in the bank to pay your checks, otherwise the bank will be compelled to turn your check back.

POOREST MAIL SERVICE IS NOW TOWN'S PORTION

Abilene is having the poorest mail service in 20 years. With the Santa Fe arriving at 9:30—and often late—rural carriers do not take the morning mail, their latest being that received the evening previous. The new order, which instead of having postoffice windows closed for half an hour so that all employees can distribute mail, keeps part of the employees on duty to sell stamps or money orders, makes mail distribution slow. The mail formerly read at 8:30 to 8:45 is now available about 10:30 to 11:00.

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK, LASTS TO EASTER

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 17, and extends to Easter Sunday on April 4. Lent is a fast of forty days which is celebrated by the Roman Catholic and the English churches as a preparation for Easter Sunday, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in commemoration of the 40-day fast of Christ as well as of Moses and Elijah.



Many Women Of ABILENE and DICKINSON, COUNTY

hold responsible positions as
Cashiers, Treasurers, etc., of
various local societies and organizations. As such in your society you doubtless direct the
depositing of its money.

Realizing the careful official attention such accounts must have, we want to tell you what we can do for you—how we can render little services that you may not have thought of—services that some banks do not consider necessary; but they all go toward making your relations satisfactory; and that's what we want.

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